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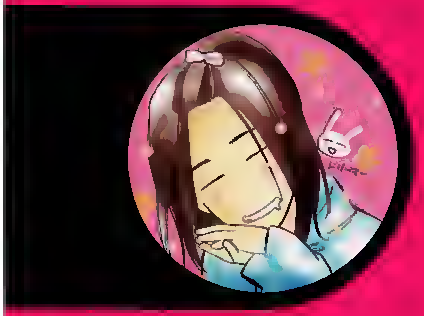

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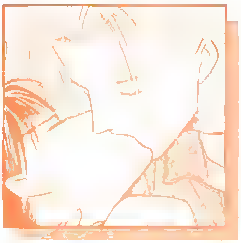

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...
WAIT A SEC, I HAVE THE MONEY
I LEFT JUST ENOUGH FOR THIS, YOU KNOW...
Wait
This
WHA?
IT'S NOT ENOUGH?
jingle
WHEN I SAY THAT I DISLIKE HIM,
I MEAN HIS AP-PEARANCE
NO I WON'T
Why is he sucking up to me?
HAVE SOME PITY?

I DON'T LIKE GUYS WHO LOOK LIKE PROSTITUTES, BUT...
EVEN THOUGH HE'S A GUY, HE'S USING PERFUME AND ACCESSORIES, AND ALWAYS SHOWING OFF. HE LOOKS LIKE A FLIRT, BUT...
I'M SURE THIS GUY IS A HOST.
I SEE HIM QUITE OFTEN AT THIS TIME OF DAY. DOES HE LIVE AROUND HERE...?
AH! FOUND IT!
HERE!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
?!
PEEP
PEEP

WHAT A STRANGE GUY...
IF YOU'RE THAT HUNGRY, BUY SOME-THING TO EAT!
SEE YA!
HAHA...
Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I HEARD YOU FILLED IN FOR ME ON THE DAY I TOOK OFF, YO-CHAN.
SORRY FOR THAT.
YOUR COLD OKAY NOW?
YES, I'M FINE NOW.
GOING HOME AL-READY, YO-CHAN?

EH...?
AH HIM? HE JUST APPEARED THERE SUDDENLY...
Maybe I should tell him to go somewhere else?
ISN'T THAT THE HOST GUY?
IT'LL CAUSE PROBLEMS IF HE SITS IN FRONT OF THE STORE.
I'LL TELL HIM
EXCUSE ME?
AHEM, EXCUSE ME!
SHAKE
FLOMP
?!

ARE... ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
AMBULANCE!
Ugh...
I'M JUST HUNGRY AND TIRED...
IF IT WAS A BIT COLDER I MIGHT REALLY BE IN TROUBLE...
WOBBLE
NO... I'M ALRIGHT
EH?
WAIT A...
IF YOU'RE GONNA FALL ASLEEP, DO IT SOMEWHERE ELSE, PLEASE
YAWN
O...
KAY

IS HE...
REALLY GOING TO FAINT HERE?
IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S A STRAY DOG...
...
CAN'T HELP IT
HE'LL CAUSE PEOPLE TROUBLE HERE.
HEY! YOUR PLACE! IS IT SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE?
WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
Um
SHAKE
HEY!
A...

...MAZING!
It's huge!
WOW
HOSTS REALLY EARN A PRETTY PENNY...
...UM
...AH
WELL
It's obvious
DID YOU KNOW HOW I'M A HOST...?
So it's obvious?
I DON'T REALLY EARN THAT MUCH...
AND I'M ONLY IMPOSING ON SOMEONE HERE
scratch

IMPOS-ING...
DON'T TELL ME...
HIS PATRON?!
GRUMBLE
YOUR STOMACH WAS GRUM-BLING BEFORE TOO...
THAT'S ONLY NATU-RAL I HAVEN'T EATEN FOR THREE DAYS...
I lost sadly ~K. Peshinka
WHY DID YOU... COME TO THE CON-VENIENCE STORE WHEN YOU HAVE NO MONEY?
EH...?
THAT'S...
...

SIGH
...?
Grumble
ZIP
SEARCH
offer
HERE
WAN-NA EAT IT?
EH? IS IT OKAY? YAY! THANKS!!
You're so nice
EH? YOU'RE LEAVING?!
...
AH
OF COURSE YOU ARE
THANKS
RIP
WELL THEN, I'LL BE...

...
WHAT AM I DOING...
DIGGIE
CLACK
He's a really strange guy
?!
YOU'RE...?
AH...
AHEM...
I'M FROM THE MINI-MART NEXT DOOR
AH...
DON'T TELL ME...
THE PATRON?!
THAT PERSON OVER THERE SAID HE WAS HUNGRY AND FAINTED IN FRONT OF THE STORE

I THOUGHT A PATRON WOULD BE SOME OLD GEEZER OR HOUSEWIFE, BUT...
THAT GUY WAS YOUNG.
Though, he did look rich.
—HM?
WHAT?
A GUY AS PATRON FOR A GUY—!?
WAH...
THAT REALLY SCARED ME
SO YOU BROUGHT HIM HERE, RIGHT?
Not again
HE PROBABLY LOST HIS MONEY AT PACHINKO OR SOMETHING AGAIN
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
IT WAS NOTHING
Smirk
Smirk

-NATION
DOES THAT MEAN...
IF HE HAS A PATRON,
HM?
THEN THE REASON WHY HE FAINTED
IS WHAT?
Besides... hosts usually entertain women don't they?
I DON'T GET IT...
MIYAHARA YOSHIMI!
My full name
THANKS FOR THE MEAL AND TAKING CARE OF ME LAST TIME
He looks quite well today
YOU KNOW, THE STORE WAS CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS
IF THE STORE HAD BEEN OPEN THAT WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED

I meet him quite often at the local pachinko parlor.
BUT YOU'RE ACTUALLY THE OWNER'S SON, YOSHIMI-KUN
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ALSO A PART-TIMER HERE.
I'M TSUMAGI YUKITO.
AH! I ASKED THE OTHER GUY WORKING HERE
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME...?
AH! YES!
CAN I HELP YOU?
...
Here!
AS THANKS FOR LAST TIME...
THIS STORE'S A PARTNER TO MINE. THE HOSTESSES THERE ARE ALL BEAUTIFUL!
IF YOU SHOW THAT CARD, YOU CAN DRINK FOR FREE THE FIRST TIME.
It's a really good store.
AHEM... I'M ONLY SIXTEEN...
Eh?
SIXTEEN?!
You're lying!
YOU'RE SO YOUNG?! I THOUGHT YOU WERE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN...
I saw your school uniform, so I knew you were in high school, but...
EVEN IF I WAS EIGHTEEN, I'D STILL BE UNDER-AGE, RIGHT?

EH? AH, THAT'S TRUE
YOU'RE RIGHT
SORRY
THU-DUMP
YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE SUCH A FACE...
But asking me something like that...
HOW ABOUT YOUR STORE?
EH...?
IT'S A HOST CLUB, RIGHT?
I PROBABLY CAN'T GO SINCE I'M UNDERAGE, BUT I'M A LITTLE BIT INTER-ESTED...
NO!
IT'S NO PROBLEM.
YOU CAN COME!

ARE YOU FREE TONIGHT? HOW ABOUT GOING RIGHT NOW?
THAT GUY...
sniff
IS LIKE A CHILD.
SO, I'LL BE YOUR GUARDIAN! LET'S GO!
YOU'RE AN UNRELIABLE GUARDIAN...

YUKI-SAN, PLEASE
YE-ES! SEE YA!
SUU-SAN, THIS IS YOSHIMI, MY FRIEND
GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO EAT
OKAY... BUT WHO IS HE? HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A HOST CANDIDATE
YOSHIMI, THIS WAY
Friend
HMM
A SOCIAL STUDIES TRIP OR SUCH?
YOU THERE, SIT DOWN ARE YOU HUNGRY? IS A PILAF OKAY?
AH, SURE THANKS
I THOUGHT THAT A HOST CLUB WOULD BE MORE GAUDY WITH NEON LIGHTS AND SUCH, BUT
SOMEHOW IT'S DIFFERENT. THE HOSTS HERE DON'T SEEM LIKE THE FLIRTY TYPE
SOME-HOW...
A SOCIAL STUDIES TRIP, HM...?
HOW IS IT?
THE CUSTOMERS ARE NOT THE GLITZY TYPE, EITHER.
YUKITO-SAN IS, THOUGH
WELL,

EH...?!
OH?
THAT'S THE OWNER
...
HE'S THE FAVORITE OF THE OWNER
YUKITO'S HAIR COLOR IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER HOSTS HERE
TRUE.
THIS CLUB IS BY INVITATION ONLY.
A LOT OF THE CUSTOMERS ARE WIVES OF POLITICIANS AND IMPORTANT BUSINESS MEN.

GOOD MORNING, BOSS
THE PATRON!!
THIS IS YUKITO'S FRIEND. HE'S HERE ON A SOCIAL STUDIES TRIP.
AH, WELCOME. THANKS FOR LAST TIME. I'M THE OWNER. NAGAYA IS MY NAME.
AH, HELLO
HE'S THE OWNER
HM?
SO HE'S NOT A... PATRON, RIGHT...?
AHEM... DO YOU LIVE WITH YUKITO-SAN IN THAT APARTMENT, NAGAYA-SAN...?
NO, ONLY YUKITO LIVES THERE.
I RENTED THAT APARTMENT FOR A TAX REDUCTION. IT WAS EMPTY FOR A LONG TIME.
UNTIL I FOUND YUKITO...
FOUND?

YUKI-SAN, A REQUEST FROM KOIZUMI-SAMA.
OKAY.
YUKI-SAN,
PLEASE.
smile
NO... WAY!

AMAZING...!
WHAT IS THIS VOICE...?

THIS IS... JAZZ, ISN'T IT?
HIS PIANO PLAYING IS GREAT, TOO, BUT THAT... VOICE
IF NOT FOR THIS,
SOMEONE LIKE YUKITO, WHO DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO SPEAK POLITELY,
WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WORK HERE
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT!
...THE STORE IS STILL OPEN, RIGHT?
I CAN GO HOME ON MY OWN...
NO PROBLEM, NO PROBLEM!

BESIDES, I'M NOT TAKING YOU HOME
LET'S GO TO KARAOKE!
He's drunk
EH? NO, I HAVE TO GO HOME
HEY
THERE'S STILL TIME LET'S PLAY!
YOU'RE YUKI FROM THE "GEIHIN-KAN"?
BZZ
...!

UGH...!
WHAT THE...? HE ISN'T EVEN FIGHTING BACK.
COUGH
COUGH
EH...?! WHAT SHOULD I DO?
YOU THINK IT'S GOING TO BE OVER QUICKER IF YOU BEHAVE?
?!
BAM
THAT—
CRASH
YUKITO!

*sfx sound of sirens
RE-WHOOOO
RE-WHOOOO
RE-WHOOOO
OUCH
WE WERE LUCKY THE POLICE CAME
WAS IT ALRIGHT NOT TO REPORT THEM—?
TOO TROU-BLE-SOME
TROUBLESOME?
AREN'T HIS LOOKS THE TOOL OF HIS TRADE?
Is he really okay with this?
WHO WERE THEY?
WHO KNOWS
"WHO KNOWS"? BUT THEY KNEW YOUR NAME—
MM
PROBABLY THE GUYS OF SOME WOMEN I REFUSED RECENTLY OR SUCH

CAN'T HELP IT.
WOMEN ARE NO GOOD TO ME
...?!
BUT YOU'RE REALLY STUPID, YA KNOW?
YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST LEFT ME AND RUN AWAY...
Getting beaten up is fun
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DO THAT
YOU'RE SO DILIGENT.
THAT'S NOT TRUE
I'M JUST...
NICE, I GUESS?

I LIKE YOU

PUSH
WHA
WHAT WAS THAT...!
...
sigh

SINCE THEN,
EVEN THOUGH I HADN'T REALLY PAID ATTENTION TO HIM BEFORE,
YUKITO, WHO HAD COME TO OUR STORE FROM TIME TO TIME OR WANDERED AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD...
DISAPPEARED.
REALLY, FATHER!
AH, YOSHI! WANT SOME CHOCOLATE?
FATHER GOT SOME CHOCOLATE AT THE PACHINKO PARLOR AGAIN
Why does he always win chocolate I wonder?
DAD
AH!

Ahem
HAVE YOU SEEN THE YOUNG HOST LATELY ?
HM? AH, YUKITO?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, NO
HE PROBABLY JUST LOST TOO MUCH MONEY AND IS BROKE
Ha Ha Ha Ha
...
IS HE REALLY BROKE ALL THE TIME?
I wonder if Dad knows
WHAT IF HE'S REALLY IN TROUBLE ?
DIDN'T THEY HAVE A STORY LIKE THAT ON T V ? ABOUT SOME GRANDMA WHO NEARLY DIED IN HER APARTMENT
DAMN!
WHY DO I HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM?
I LIKE YOU

ENOUGH ALREADY!
Tha-dump
Tha-dump
MY HEART'S ONLY BEATING THIS FAST BECAUSE THAT'S THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT.
Tha-dump
Tha-dump
Tha-dump
Tha-dump
Tha-dump
Tha-dump
Tha-dump
...!
I WONDER...
IF HE MEANT IT...?
It's hard to tell how much of it he meant. He's that kind of guy
I JUST DASHED OFF THOUGH
Sigh
HE WAS PRETTY BEATEN UP BACK THEN. WHAT IF HE'S DYING SOMEWHERE RIGHT NOW...?
Or so
HE PROBABLY WON'T DIE RIGHT...?
...

IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING TO HIM.
I JUST HAVE TO PRESS THE INTERCOM AND IF HE ANSWERS, HE'S ALIVE.
AH...
pace
pace
HE'S ALIVE!
wonder drowin
BUT..?
He's staggering?
...?!

TURN!
EH?!
DASH
HEY WAIT!
WHY IS HE RUNNING AWAY?!
HEY?!
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?
YOU REJECTED ME, AFTER ALL!

EH...?
AH
NO
THAT'S NOT...
SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS...?
EH?
NO!
I'M NOT SAYING IT'S OKAY, EITHER!
So he REALLY MEANT IT?
sigh
YOU'RE TOTALLY BEAT UP AGAIN WAS IT THE SAME GUYS?
You're bleeding.
EH?
DON'T KNOW...
I have no idea who did this.
WHEN I WOKE UP I WAS IN FRONT OF THE STATION...

LEAVE HIM ON HIS OWN...
...I JUST CAN'T...
...YOU'RE AN ADULT, RIGHT? TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOURSELF.
TO A SIXTEEN YEAR-OLD, A TWENTY-TWO YEAR-OLD MIGHT SEEM LIKE AN ADULT, BUT...
THAT'S NOT THE CASE!
...MAYBE SO.
YOU'RE GOING HOME, RIGHT?!
HAP
YOU HAVE TO WORK TONIGHT, RIGHT?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOUR WOUNDS.
...
WHY?
...

BECAUSE WE'RE... FRIENDS.
HM
WELL THEN
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CALLED ME YOUR FRIEND
LET'S START AS FRIENDS!
ISN'T THAT KINDA DIFFERENT...
AH,
OH WELL

微妙なふたり
びみょう
THE DIFFICULT COUPLE

I OFTEN HEAR "LET'S START AS FRIENDS", YOU KNOW
EVEN THOUGH I HATE PEOPLE WHO SELL THEMSELVES,
FOR SOME REASON I SAID "LET'S START AS FRIENDS"
TO THIS GUY WHO'S WORKING AS A HOST EVEN THOUGH HE'S A HOMO
BUT HOW DO YOU TURN FRIENDSHIP INTO LOVE?
NO IDEA!
YUKITO! YOU'RE IN MY WAY!
PUSH
AH

WHEN DO YOU GET OFF?
SCRUB SCRUB
AT 10
ALRIGHT, LET'S GO PLAY POOL WHEN YOU'RE DONE
Bowling is also fine
YOU. DON'T YOU HAVE WORK?
DON'T YOU HAVE TO GO ALREADY?
I'M FREE TODAY
YOU SURE?
That was a bit too dressed up, Ichi!
...
THAT GUY...
WHAT IS HE REALLY
...UP TO?

That guy
Strike!
WHAT DOES HE LIKE ABOUT ME?
HE SAYS HE'S NO GOOD AROUND WOMEN
HE EVEN KISSED ME
DOES HE REALLY MEAN IT...?
BUT WHY ME?
...I WONDER WHAT PEOPLE THINK,
WHEN THEY SEE US
EH?
WHAT THEY SEE?
LOVERS, MAYBE?
EW♡
THERE'S NO WAY,
WHM
MORE LIKE A YAKUZA TRYING TO EXTORT FROM AN HONOR STUDENT?

THAT'S RIGHT
SO YOU DO GET IT.
EVEN THOUGH I'M PAYING... FOR THE GAME...
It's not about that
BUT YOU KNOW,
IT SEEMS THAT YOU COME TO ME WHENEVER YOU HAVE A FREE MOMENT.
THE PEOPLE I KNOW ARE ALL FROM THE STORE, SO WE DON'T REALLY MEET IN PRIVATE...
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS BESIDE ME?
I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS. I'M NOT FROM HERE SO...
WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER?
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME ALL THAT?
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO SPEND TIME WITH ME...?
NO... IT'S JUST A SIMPLE QUESTION.

I DON'T MIND, JUST DON'T FORGET THAT I'M STILL A STUDENT
I CAN'T PLAY WITH YOU EVERY NIGHT AFTER WORK...
AH, I'M SORRY...
STAY-ING OVER-NIGHT
I'M GONNA STAY AT MY FRIEND FROM SCHOOL'S PLACE THIS WEEKEND
ALRIGHT, ONLY WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE SCHOOL!
THIS WEEKEND OR SO?
Week-end...

OH, YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY? DON'T MAKE ANY TROUBLE AT TANAKA'S
Don't be too loud here at night.
YES,
I'M GOING NOW.
P
P
YES, AH, IT'S YOU.
YUKITO, WHAT IS IT? I'M LEAVING JUST NOW, SO...
EH?
YOU WANT ME TO BUY MEDICINE!?
OKAY... IF IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG THEN I HAVE A BIT OF TIME... BUT...?

?!
OPEN
HELLO
ASKING ME TO BUY COLD MEDICINE...
HE SEEMED JUST FINE YESTERDAY EVENING...
HEY...!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
YUKITO?
NH...
JUST NEED MEDI-CINE...

LET'S GET YOU INTO BED FIRST
THUD
cough
cough
THIS LOOKS REALLY PAINFUL.
HEY, DID YOU EAT SOME-THING?
IF YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE MEDICINE IT'S BETTER TO EAT SOMETHING FIRST
I WANT EGG DROP SOUP
Egg drop soup?
I'LL GET SOME FROM THE STORE THEN
I DON'T WANT... STORE-BOUGHT...
BEEH?!
You don't want it...?
Are you telling me to make it for you?!

cough
sigh
Pi
Ah
TANAKA? IT'S ME, YOSHI
I'M SORRY, BUT I'M GOING TO BE LATE TODAY...
I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO COME AT ALL... YES
For a while
TELL THE OTHERS TOO.
Sorry
BUT...
DOES HE EVEN HAVE EGGS?

sizzle
OH..?
AH!
G— GOOD EVENING I'M SORRY FOR THE INTRUSION
GOOD EVENING AHEM. YOSHIMI-KUN, WASN'T IT?
HOW'S YUKITO?
HE'S SLEEPING DUE TO HIS COLD
HE HAS FEVER TOO
A COLD?

DOES THIS MEAN HE DIDN'T GO TO WORK FOR FIVE DAYS...?
OH?
CREAK
THAT'S WHY HE'S BEEN SLEEPING HERE FOR FIVE DAYS?
DID HE GO TO THE HOSPITAL?
WHEN WE WENT BOWLING IT WAS ALSO A WORK DAY...
HE CAME TO OUR STORE LAST NIGHT, SO...
HE DIDN'T GO TO THE HOSPITAL. BUT HE'S ONLY STAYED IN BED TODAY, I THINK.
EVEN THOUGH HE SAID THAT HE HAD NO WORK THAT DAY...
EH?
AH NOTHING! NOTHING AT ALL!!
BY THE WAY... WHY ARE YOU HERE?
AH... HE CALLED ME AND ASKED ME TO BRING HIM MEDICINE.

AND THEN HE SAID HE WANTED EGG DROP SOUP, SO ..
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
WHAT IS YOUR INTENTION
THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING.
MY INTENTION?
DIDN'T YUKITO CONFESS HIS FEELINGS TO YOU?
Surprise
..I KNEW IT
YUKITO ONLY LETS THAT TYPE INTO HIS ROOM
BUT FALLING FOR A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IS REALLY

YOU KNOW, YUKITO ...
WHEN HE FALLS IN LOVE,
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE FOR HIM.
HE'LL DO ANYTHING TO SPEND TIME WITH HIS BELOVED
HE DOESN'T GO TO WORK AND TO GET ATTENTION HE GETS HURT OR FALLS ILL.
THAT'S HIS INTENTION,
SO WHAT'S YOURS?
I... DON'T REALLY HAVE
WHATEVER ...
ANYWAY,
YOU SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT HE'S THAT KIND OF CHARACTER.
THAT'S IT FOR ME
WHAT? YOU'RE LEAVING?!
I JUST CAME TO CHECK
IF HE HAD DIED OR SOMETHING SINCE HE HASN'T CALLED FOR FIVE DAYS.

SLAM
HE'S ASKING ME,
WHAT MY INTENTION IS ?
DOES HE WANT ME TO LEAVE A GUY WITH A FEVER ALL ALONE?
IS HE TELLING ME TO STAY AWAY FROM YUKITO IF I DON'T FEEL FOR HIM WHAT HE FEELS FOR ME?
EVEN IF THAT'S WHAT HE MEANS,
THAT'S

chr.
chr.
chr.

?!
NH...
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU—?!
NH...
AH, MORNIN'

THAT'S NOT THE PLACE FOR A "MORNIN"!
WHY WERE YOU SLEEPING HERE?
YOUR FEVER...?
IF YOU OVERDO IT AND GET SICK AGAIN, I DON'T WANNA KNOW ABOUT IT
creak
cough
SEEMS ALRIGHT NOW.
smile
NOW LONG CAN YOU SKIP WORK BEFORE YOU GET INTO TROUBLE?
YESTERDAY NAGAYA-SAN CAME BY TO CHECK ON YOU
EH? THE OWNER CAME?
EAT SOMETHING, DRINK YOUR MEDICINE AND REST,
AT LEAST FOR TODAY
OKAY

AH, YOSHIMI?
clatter
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO SPEND THIS WEEKEND WITH YOUR FRIEND FROM SCHOOL?
YES I DID!
I WAS ON MY WAY
WHEN YOU SUDDENLY CALLED YESTERDAY!
SO YOU TOOK CARE OF ME INSTEAD?
I'M SORRY
WE WERE ONLY GOING TO SPEND THE NIGHT WATCHING VIDEOS,
SO IT'S ALRIGHT
VIDEOS? WHAT KIND? THERE'S PLENTY OF DVDS HERE
ALRIGHT! THEN LET'S WATCH...!
YOU'RE GOING TO BED!

Even though I'm still right
YOSHIMI
YOU LIKE ME, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY YOU TOOK CARE OF ME, RIGHT...?
I'M THE TYPE WHO EVEN TAKES CARE OF A STRAY CAT WHEN IT COLLAPSES ON THE STREET
BESIDES
YOU'RE ALWAYS TELLING ME HOW YOU LOVE ME
BUT I'M JUST A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW ME WELL ENOUGH TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ME

I KNOW THAT YOU'RE NICE, YOSHIMI
YOU KNOW, YOSHIMI, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY MY TYPE!
BUT I FELL FOR YOU AT FIRST SIGHT.
I ONLY CAME TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE TO SEE YOU...
BESIDES...

HE... HE'S PRETTY STRONG...
AHEM...
NO!
I'LL MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD
YUKITO...!
STOP, STO...!
JUST STAY QUIET
DON'T WORRY
UM...!

IT'S ALRIGHT IF IT'S JUST FOR FUN
IT'S ALRIGHT IF IT'S JUST FOR FUN
YOSHI...
I DON'T LIKE YOU LIKE THIS.
THIS... TROUBLES ME.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT...!?
JUST FOR FUN IS FINE
I DON'T DO SUCH THINGS JUST FOR FUN!
SAYING THAT IS..
THAT'S THE WORST!!

I'M GOING HOME
slam

YOSH!!!! WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY?
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE VIDEOS YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BRING
SORRY... I'LL BRING THEM NEXT TIME.
EVEN SO,
TO TELL THE TRUTH THE VCR BROKE HALFWAY THROUGH
WE ONLY WATCHED ONE AND A HALF IN THE END
EVEN THOUGH I BORROWED SO MANY...
AH... DIDN'T YUKITO SAY THAT HE HAS A DVD PLAYER?
!!!
THE TV IS ALSO PRETTY HUGE OVER THERE...
THAT'S THE WORST!!

THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A BIT TOO MUCH...
BUT I WAS REALLY PISSED WHEN HE SAID THAT...
WHY DI I REACT THAT WAY...?

It's been four days since then.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
THERE WASN'T MUCH IN HIS REFRIGERATOR...
I'D BETTER GO CHECK ON HIM
It's always the same pattern.
YUKITO ISN'T COMING
REASONS WHY YUKITO DIDN'T COME
① THE COLD CAME BACK AND HE'S STUCK IN BED
② THE COLD GOT BETTER, SO HE'S BACK TO WORK
③ HE'S ANGRY BECAUSE OF WHAT I SAID AND THEREFORE ISN'T COMING
Another possibility is that he hates me now and that's why he isn't coming.
I WONDER WHICH ONE IT IS
4 5 6
7 8 9
PIN

pon
pin
pon
...
pin
clatter
SEEMS HE'S NOT HERE
turn around
thud
thud

AH, SO YOU'RE ALIVE?
GOOD THEN
rustle
AH, THAT'S FOR YOU.
YOSHI...!
collapse
YUKITO!?

I THOUGHT YOU HATED ME NOW.
YOU WERE REALLY ANGRY
THAT'S BECAUSE
IF YOU REALLY LOVE ME AS YOU CLAIM,
THEN ISN'T IT STRANGE TO SAY THAT IT'S ALRIGHT
IF IT'S "JUST FOR FUN" FOR ME?

I THINK
YOU'RE MAKING A REAL IDIOT...
OUT OF ME
AND,
I WONDERED IF YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE THIS...
SOMEHOW THIS MADE ME FEEL SORRY FOR YOU
SOR
WHAT-EVER!
I DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT THIS ANYMORE!

YOSHIMI!
hug
That's dangerous! Let go!
Yoshi!!
♥
UOH!
YUKITO! YOU SHOULD GO TO WORK ALREADY!
PLANNING TO SKIP IT AGAIN?
NO, I'M GOING!
MAYBE I SHOULD ALSO WORK AT THE STORE?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? SOMEONE LIKE YOU WOULD GET FIRED RIGHT AWAY
BESIDES,
scrub
scrubs
BEING A HOST?
laugh
EVEN THOUGH I FEEL NOTHING FOR WOMEN?
I THINK YOUR CURRENT WORK SUITS YOU.

THAT'S NOT IT THE SINGING
I REALLY LIKE
YOUR SINGING
YOSHIMI, THAT THING FROM BEFORE,
IS IT ALRIGHT TO THINK THAT YOU'LL DO IT WITH ME
GULP
IF IT'S NOT JUST FOR FUN?
EHP!
NO
SMOOCH
YUKI...!!!
SEE YOU!

微妙なふたり／END

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ホストのオーナーが、ある日突然、猫になっちゃった!?
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TO OWN A LIVING THING?
WHAT EXACTLY DOES THAT MEAN?
CHUH
A PET...
OR AN ANIMAL YOU ARE FOND OF
IS IT THE OWNER THAT WANTS LOVE? OR THE PET?
YUKI TO?
ARE YOU HERE?
YUKI
GIVE IT LOVE AND PRAISE
IT'S SO DARK
GIVE IT FOOD AND A PLACE TO LIVE.

IS THAT HIS FAULT?
OR MINE?
AND FOR YUKITO STILL BEING HERE NOW...

TWO YEARS AGO
WELCOME TO THE TOUKURABU
I AM YOUR HOST NAGAYA
YOUR SEATS ARE RIGHT THIS WAY...
GOOD WORK, EVERYONE...
GOOD NIGHT
MAN, THE NIGHTS STILL GET SO COLD...
GOOD NIGHT BOSS.
RIGHT SEE YOU TOMORROW

THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE...
WHAT A CLIMB IT IS
JAZZ ...?
MY LIFE IS JUST LIKE THE WEATHER
WHAT A GOOD VOICE
WHEN SHE IS NEAR I'M FINE
AND WARMER WHEN SHE S GONE
IT'S COMING FROM THE PARK ...?

LIKE I LOVE HER
NEVER TREATS ME SWEET
AND GENTLE THE WAY SHE SHOULD
I GOT IT BAD AND THEN AIN'T GOOD

MY POOR HEART IS SENT
I GOT IT BAD THAT AIN'T GOOD
...DO YOU TAKE REQUESTS?
AS LONG AS IT'S NOT PAINFUL, GO RIGHT AHEAD
NOT PAINFUL?
HUM?
YOU HEARD MY REQUEST FOR "THE WAY TO DIE", DIDN'T YOU?
I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU A REQUEST, BUT...
IT'S A SONG.
A SONG ...?
AREN'T YOU
THE GOD OF DEATH?
IS HE DRUNK. ?
ARE YOU WAITING FOR HIM?
YUP.
BECAUSE I'M GOING TO DIE

I JUST FELL INTO THE FOUNTAIN SO MY BODY'S SOAKING WET
AND I'M HUNGRY
IF I STAY LIKE THIS AND SLEEP HERE I'LL DIE WON'T I?
SO I WAS GOING TO STAY UNTIL THE END
DO YOU WANT TO DIE?
IF YOU ARE NOT THE GOD OF DEATH, WHY DON'T YOU GO SOMEWHERE ELSE
I HAVE NOWHERE TO GO NO MONEY
AT REST WHEN I DIE I'LL BE BURIED IN CHERRY BLOSSOMS ..

WILL YOU COME HOME WITH ME?
THIS IS YOUR HOUSE?
YES.
NOW TAKE A SHOWER AND PUT YOUR WET CLOTHES IN THE DRYER.
I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN GET US TO EAT
THE LEAST I CAN DO IS GIVE YOU A BED

GREEK
OH
YOU ARE DRIED OFF?
HERE EAT UP
THANKS FOR THE MEAL.

THIS GUY'S ...
PRETTY GOOD LOOKING
SO IS HIS STYLE. MAYBE WE COULD USE HIM AT THE RESTAURANT
SO...
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
TWENTY
AND YOUR JOB?

HUH ...?
HEY!
OUCH...
WHY
DID YOU MOVE AWAY?
DON'T YOU LIKE KISSES?
THIS IS YOUR JOB?
JOU... WELL I WOULDN T CALL IT THAT BUT...
ISN'T THAT WHY YOU BROUGHT ME HERE?

WELL THEN YOU WANNA DO IT WITH ME? I KNOW I WANT TO WITH YOU
I'VE NEVER DONE IT WITH A MAN LIKE YOU
ARE YOU STRAIGHT?
WELL, NOW I AM.
I SEE
OH WELL
WHY DID I...?
WHY ...?
AM I WRONG?
THEN WHY DID YOU PICK ME UP?
WELL?
RICH CLEAN AND PROPER
A MAN LIKE ME ...?
CAN I KISS YOU?

LEAVE IT TO ME
MM.
MM
AH

LET'S GO TO MY BED
NNI
AHH
AREN'T YOU STRAIGHT?
YOU DON'T NEED TO PUSH YOURSELF. LET ME DO IT
WHEN I DO IT, I DO IT PROPERLY.
AH

HA
YOU ARE JUST AS I THOUGHT
AND WHAT IS THAT?
YOU ARE SO SERIOUS
AH
HAHA

UNTIL IT WAS WHEN I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN HIS SINGING VOICE THAT I HAD ONLY HEARD ONCE...
I WANTED TO HEAR HIS SONG.
NN...
...
HE LEFT
...
...
THAT'S RIGHT

THANK YOU VERY MUCH
OH!
IT'S HIM!
IS THAT MAN HIS LOVER?
OR IS HE JUST A ONE-NIGHT STAND LIKE I WAS?
I'LL BE THERE SHORTLY.
UM ... YES
MR. NAGAYA YOUR CAR IS RIGHT THIS WAY

WHAT...

NO
IT ISN'T A CONCRETE SOUND BUT
IT BREAKS GENTLY THROUGH THE DEPTHS OF MY MEMORY THE PLEASANTNESS OF THAT VOICE
I STILL REMEMBER IT
I SHOULD'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT BY NOW
BUT WHEN I SAW HIS FACE, HIS SINGING VOICE CAME BACK TO ME.
WHAT AM I...
WHAT AM I DOING?

WILL I –
EVER SEE HIM AGAIN?
SEEING THAT I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO DO
I END UP BACK IN THIS PARK AGAIN...
IT'S ALMOST AS IF I AM LOOKING FOR A LOST DOG OR CAT.
KARA
...!
SPEAK ING OF WHICH

HEY.
DON'T TELL ME YOU LIVE IN THIS PARK, DO YOU.
...
HEH HEH
WELL, YOU KNOW IT'S BECAUSE I'M JUST A STRAY CAT
A STRAY CAT
THOSE MARKS ON YOUR FACE

MEAW.
HAHA
YEAH
WAS IT THE MAN YOU WERE WITH BEFORE?
SAME AS ALWAYS ...?
OH THIS? IT'S NOTHING
JUST THE SAME AS ALWAYS
I GUESS THAT'S JUST THE WAY I'M PLAYED EH?
LIKE AT RANDOM THEY GET TOUGH, OR USE DRUGS
IT'S THAT BAD?
WHAT? IS IT YOUR FAULT THAT IT HAPPENS?
YOU ARE SO DIRECT.

COME HERE.
HEY
DID YOU COME TO THE PARK TO SEE ME?
HM ...?
I WAS THINKING NOW AFTER ALL I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO LISTEN TO YOUR SONG.
YES
WHY?
SONG?
YES...
MY SONG HUH?

IT'S NOT BECAUSE YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME, IS IT?
A GUY LIKE YOU COULDN'T BE IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME, ANYWAY.
YOU THINK SO?...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU ARE USUALLY STRAIGHT, AREN'T YOU?
HM...
IN THE FIRST PLACE, AM I REALLY DISINTERESTED IN THAT KIND OF THING?
LOVE ISN'T EXACTLY MY STRONG POINT, BUT ...
OH?
I THINK I MIGHT FALL IN LOVE SOON.
YOUR LOOKS AREN'T EXACTLY MY TYPE BUT...
IF YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH ME, IT'D BE NICE TO FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU.
AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING.
I THINK
I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU
HUH?

HAHAHA
A STRAY CAT JUST WOULDN'T FIT YOU
THOUGH I'M SHOCKED YOU SAID I'M NOT YOUR TYPE
IF YOU REALLY ARE A STRAY CAT
CAN I KEEP YOU?
I'VE DECIDED TO KEEP A CAT WHOSE PAST I DON'T EVEN KNOW
NO
THAT WAY I WOULDN'T HAVE TO COME TO THE PARK TO LOOK FOR YOU
I'D GIVE YOU A BED AND FOOD
THAT SOUNDS GREAT! AND TASTY!
YOU'D BE FREE TO GO WHEREVER YOU WANT
SO WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU IN RETURN?
AS LONG AS YOU ALWAYS CAME BACK HERE AS YOUR HOME

SING FOR ME
I CAN STILL KEEP HIM EVEN IF I DON'T KNOW HIS PAST.
THAT SOUNDS MORE LIKE A CANARY THAN A CAT.
LOOK AT ME, I'M AS --
AND I FEEL LIKE
I'M CLINGING TO A CLOUD

MR. YUKITO
YOU'VE RECEIVED A REQUEST
ALL RIGHT
JUST REMEMBER YOU CAN THROW ME OUT ANYTIME OKAY?

FOR EXAMPLE, IF THERE WERE A CAT...
AND ONE DAY IT WENT SUDDENLY THROWN OUT BY A DOG OWNER. WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN?
WOULDN'T IT HAVING LOST THE AFFECTION OF ITS MASTER, BECOME SAD?
WOULDN'T IT THEN LIVE ON ITS OWN AND GRIEVE?
NO
ONE MUST THINK ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP THEY SHARED
THE OWNER THINKS HIMSELF HIGHER THAN THE CAT

TO KEEP A ...ITE CAT...
TO KEEP A BEAUTIFULLY SINGING CANARY...
THEN THE CAT WILL FORGET ABOUT HIM.
AND BECOME EAGER TO GO SEARCH FOR A NEW PLACE TO LIVE...
AND SO, IF THE MEAL PROVIDER STOPS PROVIDING
BUT AS FOR THE CAT, MAYBE IT MERELY THINKS OF HIM AS OF ITS OWN MEAL-PROVIDER.
EVEN THOUGH HE SAID "YOU CAN THROW ME OUT ANYTIME"...
BUT BECAUSE COMPAREN TO ME HE HAS NO NITCHES
IT WASN T BECAUSE HE WAS PUTTING HIMSELF DOWN
WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE CAT IN THAT WAY...
I HAVE A HUNCH THAT THAT S WHY YUKITO CAME TO CALL HIMSELF A STRAY CAT
THROWING HIM OUT...
WOULD MEAN BEING LEFT BEHIND BY HIM...
I THINK THAT WOULD BE TOO UNBEARABLE FOR ME.
IS THAT OUT OF LOVE? OR IS IT MERELY FOR SELF-SATISFACTION?

WITH THAT THOUGHT...

I CAN'T GIVE HIM A NAME

AND TONIGHT...

MY CAT SINGS

WITH THIS "THOUGHT" IF YOU DON'T GIVE IT A NAME IT WILL DEFINITELY BE BOTH SWEET AND PAINFUL...

END

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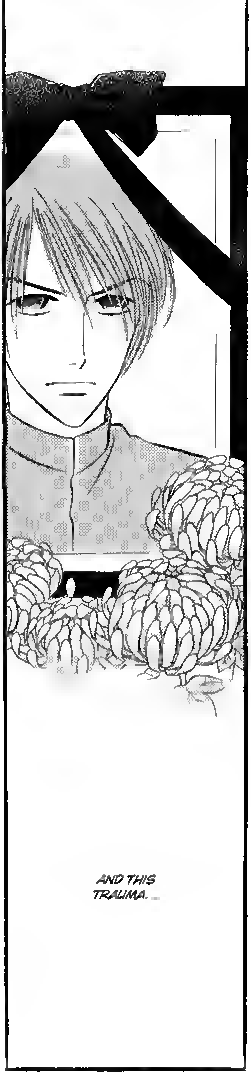
splash
IT'S RAINING AGAIN...
POOR KITANI-SAN,
IT'S SUCH A PITY TAKUYA-KUN WAS ONLY SEVENTEEN
THAT HE HAPPENED TO MEET A KILLER ON THE STREETS IS..
TAKUYA-KUN'S BROTHER ALSO DIED IN AN ACCIDENT, BUT WHEN HE WAS VERY SMALL
WHAT? REALLY?

ARE YOU AL-RIGHT?
MIKOTO
WERE YOU ABLE TO PROPERLY SAY GOOD-BYE?
NOW THAT TAKUYA IS DEAD.
MIKOTO IS FINALLY FREE
FROM TAKUYA'S VIOLENCE

WHEN WAS IT THAT I NOTICED MIKOTO'S "WOUNDS"?
SHOU!
startle
SHOU.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SLEEPING WITH YOUR EYES OPEN?
NO... JUST THINKING A BIT...
WHAT IS IT?
FOOD! IT'S LUNCH TIME!


AND THIS TRAUMA...

YOU REALLY HAVE NO WORRIES, HMM?
LIKE, WHAT'S ON TODAY'S MENU OR SUCH
IF I HAD TO SAY I WAS THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING, IT'D DEFINITELY BE FOOD
RIGHT?

I COULDN'T FORGET THE SIGHT OF HIS BACK FULL OF WOUNDS THAT I SAW IN THE BATHROOM.
I WOULD SUDDENLY NOTICE THAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT MIKOTO

IT LOOKED...S-IF THEY WERE KNIFE WOUNDS
NONE OF THEM LOOKED REALLY DEEP, BUT...
I'M SURE HE DIDN'T DO IT TO HIMSELF.

ACTS A BIT SPOILED,
AND VERY CUTE.
HE'S BRIGHT,
AT HOME HE DOESN'T GIVE OFF THAT KIND OF FEELING
IS NIKOTO BEING "BULLIED"?
I HAVE NO IDEA HOW I SHOULD ASK HIM ABOUT THIS, BUT...
HE DIDN'T ASK ME FOR HELP, SO IT'S NOT REALLY MY PLACE TO ASK WHAT IS GOING ON, RIGHT?
BUT...
I CAN'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH IT.
EVEN THOUGH HE LAUGHS AND ACTS THE SAME AS ALWAYS
IF SOMEONE IS HURTING HIM,

WHO IS DOING THIS_?

MIKOTO...
AH!
WHO'S THAT?
SHOU-NII
AH... THE COUSIN WHO'S FREELOADING AT YOUR HOUSE EVEN THOUGH HE'S ALREADY GOING TO A UNIVERSITY?
YOUR BELOVED SHOU-NII-CHAN...
I'M ON MY WAY HOME. HOW ABOUT YOU, MIKOTO? WANT TO COME TOO? I DROVE IN TODAY, THOUGH...
PASSED
WELL THEN, WE'LL TAKE TAKUYA WITH US, O.K.?

I'M FINE, THE BUS STOP IS RIGHT OVER THERE.
YOU GO
OKAY
SEE YOU.
WHAT DID YOU BUY?
DON'T PULL LIKE THAT.
glare

WE'RE HOME
EH? WHAT'S THAT?
"MOM AND DAD ARE ON A DATE TONIGHT."
"SO JUST EAT WHATEVER YOU WANT FOR DINNER WITH SHOU-NII" ♡
Hey
IF THEY'D TOLD US THAT IN THE MORNING, WE COULD HAVE EATEN OUT.
IS IT HIM...?
MIKOTO!
WHAT DO YOU WANT, SHOU-NII? PIZZA?
EH?

THE ONE WHO...
THE ONE WHO HURTS YOU
IT'S HIM, RIGHT? THAT TAKUYA GUY?
WHA...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
DON'T PLAY DUMB
JERK
KYA!
WHY...
NO.
DOES THIS UPSET ME SO MUCH?
STOP!
SHOU-NII...!
WHAT IS THIS FEELING

OF VIOLENT RAGE?
THIS! I'M ASKING YOU WHO DID THIS
IS HE BULLYING YOU!?
NO... THIS IS...
MY PUNISH-MENT!

EH ?
BUT DON'T TELL MOM AND THE OTHERS!
DON'T MAKE TAKUYA ANGRY!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY PUNISHMENT? FOR WHAT?
IF YOU WANT ME TO KEEP QUIET... TELL ME
IT'S MY...
PUNISHMENT FOR...
KILLING TAKUYA'S LITTLE BROTHER.
WHAT...?

TAKUYA HAD A YOUNGER TWIN BROTHER...
TAKUYA, FUMIYA AND I WERE IN THE SAME KINDER-GARTEN... WE ALWAYS USED TO PLAY TOGETHER
I PUSHED FUMIYA FROM THE SLIDE AND...
HE DIED BECAUSE OF THAT
BUT...
THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT, RIGHT?
I PUSHED HIM, SO IT'S MY FAULT!
IF MOM KNEW, SHE WOULDN'T WANT ME AROUND ANYMORE SO...
TAKUYA, HE...
TAKUYA SAID HE'D KEEP IT A SECRET IF I TOOK HIS PUNISHMENT
WASN'T THAT NICE OF HIM?
THE CHILDREN WHO SAW IT KEPT BULLYING ME AND CALLING ME A MURDERER, BUT...

BUT EVEN THEN TAKUYA PROTECTED ME.
EVEN THOUGH HE SHOULD HAVE JOINED THEM...
SO I'M FINE WITH THIS!
PLEASE!
DON'T TELL ANYONE
...
AND IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SILENCE, HE'S FORCED TO ACCEPT THIS PUNISHMENT.
SO MIKOTO CAUSED TAKUYA'S TWIN BROTHER TO DIE...

MIKOTO SAID THAT HE KILLED TAKUYA'S TWIN, BUT HE WAS JUST A CHILD... IT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT, RIGHT?
AND IT'S ALREADY BEEN AT LEAST TEN YEARS SINCE THAT ACCIDENT
THAT'S ABNORMAL!!
I HAVE TO TALK TO HIM.
BUT... I DON'T KNOW HIS SCHOOL OR WHERE HE LIVES
MOM, THE JAM
COMING
Daddy
THIS KIND OF TALK ABOUT A PUNISHMENT CAME UP BACK THEN...
MIKOTO
DOES THAT MEAN THAT THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR TEN YEARS ALREADY?
MIKOTO! IF YOU DON'T HURRY UP, YOU'LL BE LATE!
IF I ASK MIKOTO, HE'LL KNOW SOMETHING'S GOING ON
HIS MOTHER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IT, RIGHT?

IF I'M GOING TO ASK HER, THEN IT WOULD BE BETTER TO DO SO IN THE EVENING OR AT NIGHT WHEN HE'S NOT THERE...
SLAM
I'M HOME
That's quick...
MIKOTO HE'S BACK ALREADY
HE BROUGHT A FRIEND
NO WAY? HIM!?
BREAK
TA.. TAKUYA STOP
WHY?
BREAK
SOME.. ONE MIGHT COME..
I'M SURE SHOU-NII...
sneak

THERE'S NO WAY, RIGHT!?
AH!
DON'T WORRY IT'S ONLY A BIT LONGER SO DON'T TALK.
CREAK
NO..
HAH..
NH..
AH..
click

close
TAKUYA...
GO TO SLEEP
SLAM
AH...!
WAIT!
Blush
SHOU-NII...

YOU...! WHAT'S YOUR INTENTION!?
WHAT ARE...
IS
THIS ALSO PUNISH-MENT!?
STARTLED
SO
MIKOTO TOLD YOU?
ABOUT THE PUNISH-MENT?
ABOUT YOUR BROTHER.
I'M SORRY FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM, BUT... WAS IT REALLY MIKOTO'S FAULT!?
TO CONTINUE PUNISHING MIKOTO FOR ALL THESE YEARS
ARE YOU PLANNING TO KILL HIM SOMEDAY?!!

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, RIGHT?
MIKOTO ISN'T REALLY TO BLAME, RIGHT!?
YOU'RE RIGHT...
Eh.
THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT
I.. REMEMBER IT CLEARLY
THEN. WHY?
IT'S TRUE THERE WAS JOSTLING ON THE SLIDE, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE FUMIYA WAS HORSING AROUND
IT WASN'T MIKOTO'S FAULT THAT HE FELL
BUT MIKOTO THOUGHT IT WAS HIS FAULT,
AND HE BECAME FRIGHTENED AND CRIED

"I'LL KEEP WHAT YOU DID A SECRET IF YOU DO WHAT I SAY FROM NOW ON
THAT'S YOUR PUNISHMENT."
THAT'S WHY I SAID IT
WAIT A MOMENT...!
YOU TOLD HIM TO "DO WHAT I SAY"?
SO YOU'VE BEEN TELLING HIM TO HURT HIMSELF?
EVEN THOUGH WE WERE TWINS, MIKOTO LIKED FUMIYA BETTER THAN ME
EVEN THOUGH I ALSO WANTED TO PLAY WITH HIM
WHY DID YOU SAY THAT...?
SO I THOUGHT THAT IF I USED THIS WEAKNESS I COULD MAKE HIM MINE
BASTARD, THAT'S ABNORMAL!
MIKOTO BROUGHT THAT UP

"IT'S MY SIN, SO MAKE ME HURT FOR IT."
AS KIDS, I'D ONLY PINCH HIM. IT ESCALATED FROM THERE
I'D NEVER KILL HIM.
BUT, NO MATTER HOW I HURT HIM
I'VE USED HIS WEAKNESS ALL THIS TIME TO MAKE HIM MINE,
SO I CAN'T TELL HIM HOW I FEEL
I LOVE MIKOTO
THIS IS...

TELL MIKOTO
THE TRUTH
TELL HIM IT'S ENOUGH

I COULDN'T FORGIVE HIM.
CONTINUING TO DECEIVE HIM,
HURTING HIM AND CALLING IT A PUNISHMENT, AND ON TOP OF THAT
PHANTOM KILLING OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
NO CLUES ON THE KILLER YET.

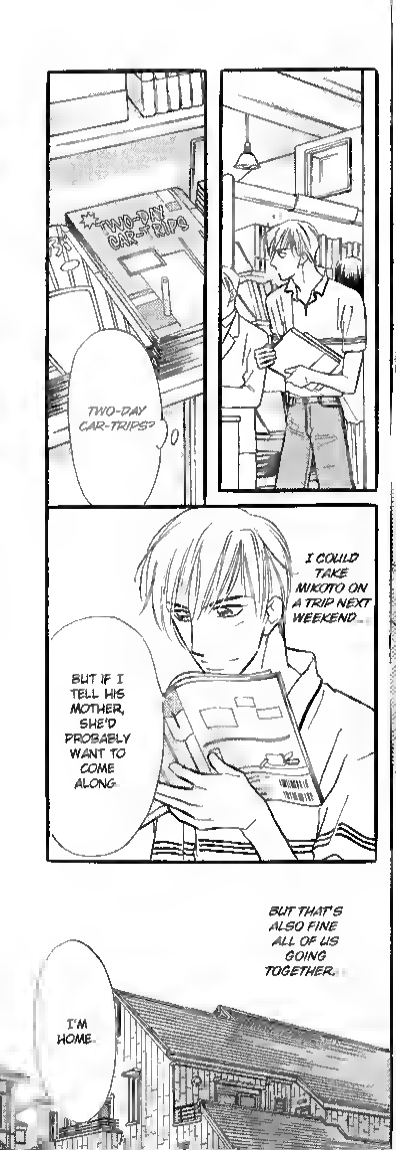
SHOU-NII...!
MIKO-TO,
WHAT'S WRONG...?
TAKUYA TOLD ME IN MY DREAM...
open
knock
knock
IT'S ALRIGHT NOW.
MIKOTO WON'T HAVE TO...
WHAT...?
IF I DON'T RECEIVE MY PUNISHMENT THEN...!
AH YES, IF I DON'T TELL HIM THE TRUTH THEN...
MIKO-TO...
SHOU-NII
INSTEAD OF TAKUYA...

EH ?
PLEASE
IF YOU DON'T DO IT...
THEN I CAN'T SLEEP...

MIKO-
TO...!
MORE...
GULP

SHOU-NII!
knock
knock
I COULDN'T TELL HIM ON THE FIRST NIGHT
I TOOK OVER THE ROLE THAT TAKUYA HAD HANDED DOWN TO ME.
THAT WAS NIKOTO'S PACE
HE'D SHOW UP AT MY DOOR-STEP
WHEN THE WOUNDS I INFLICTED HEALED,

I'M THE SAME AS TAKUYA...
BIT BY BIT,
WITH MY STRENGTH,
IF I HEAL HIS WOUNDS,
I CAN'T TELL HIM THE TRUTH AT THIS POINT BUT...
IF I DID HE'D PROBABLY HATE ME
I WON'T GIVE AWAY THE MEANS TO KEEP MIKOTO TO MYSELF.
THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH...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I COULD TAKE MIKOTO ON A TRIP NEXT WEEKEND...
BUT IF I TELL HIS MOTHER, SHE'D PROBABLY WANT TO COME ALONG.
BUT THAT'S ALSO FINE ALL OF US GOING TOGETHER.
I'M HOME.

DUMP
?
WELCOME BACK
WHERE'S MIKOTO?
NOT HERE YET
To Shou-nii
I'm sorry.
Shou-nii, I'm sorry.
rustle
I was always only relying on you
SHOCK

Through my punishments, I wanted to stay close to Takuya.
I thought that I couldn't continue living without receiving my punishment, but...
You told me that you'd forgive me many things. Even though they're bad things, I know, I can ask you but...
You know, I loved Takuya
I realized that it's no use if it's not Takuya delivering that punishment
Making you take Takuya's place is...
Now that he's gone, I finally realized it
I'm sorry for asking you to do such a thing
I feel so lonely that I can't stand it anymore.

TAKUYA...
SHOU-NII, PLEASE LET ME BE SELFISH ONE MORE TIME.
PLEASE EXPLAIN THIS SOMEHOW TO MY PARENTS. MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND.
I'M SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU ALL THE WAY TO THE VERY END.
WHAT IS THIS?
MIKOTO...?
DOES HE WANT TO DIE...?

MIKOTO!
AUNT! LOOK FOR MIKOTO!!
EH?
CALL CALL THE POLICE!
TELL THEM TO LOOK FOR A CHILD THAT LOOKS SUICIDAL!
EH!?
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
NO, MIKOTO.
SHOU-KUN!
OPEN
THERE'S SOME-THING I HAVE TO TELL YOU STILL...
!
AH
WE'RE FROM THE POLICE.
ARE YOU MR TSUTSUMI SHOUJI?

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It was supposed to be the best summer ever, one I'd never forget...
The summer of my 17th year...
THIS IS THE WORST...
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Summer Time
COME ON! STOP SAYING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER!!
IT CAN STILL BECOME A SUPER SUMMER!
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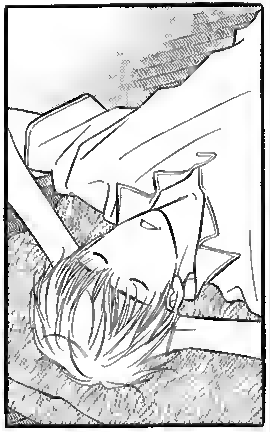
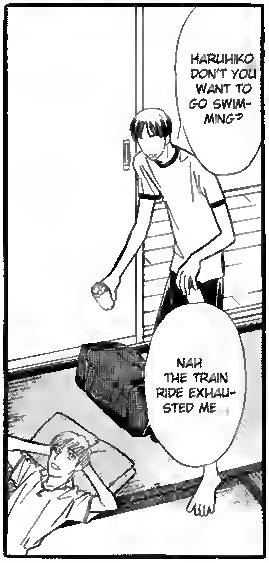
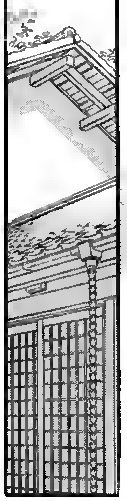
RIGHT!?







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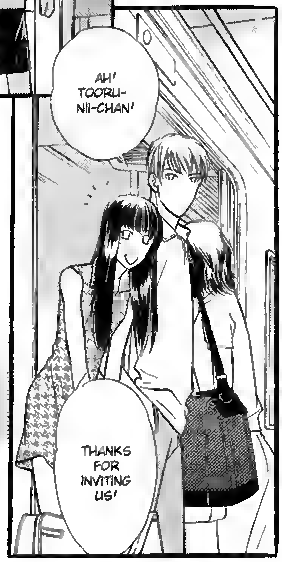


KANA, THAT BITCH...!
RING RING RING...
DID YOUR GIRLFRIEND DUMP YOU?
I'VE STARTED WORKING THIS YEAR, YOU KNOW,
SO I CAN'T SPENT TIME WITH YOU LIKE BEFORE...
HOW ABOUT GOING FOR A DRIVE AFTER LUNCH? I'M OFF TODAY
TOORU-CHAN, YOU SHOULD CHERISH YOUR HOLIDAY DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
P!
RING
IT'S KANA
AH, ONII-CHAN? I'LL BE STAYING OUT FOR LUNCH
PLEASE TELL AUNTY THAT SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO MAKE ANY FOR ME
WHAT THE HECK, TELL HER YOURSELF

YOU KNOW, I'VE FOUND A REALLY COOL GUY!!
HE'S WORKING PART TIME THERE...
HE'S REALLY UNBELIEVABLY COOL!!
pissed
"UNBELIEVABLY COOL"
stand up straight
HARU-HIKO?
splash
SHE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT AN OPEN-AIR CAFE...
WHERE IS IT?
SEARCH

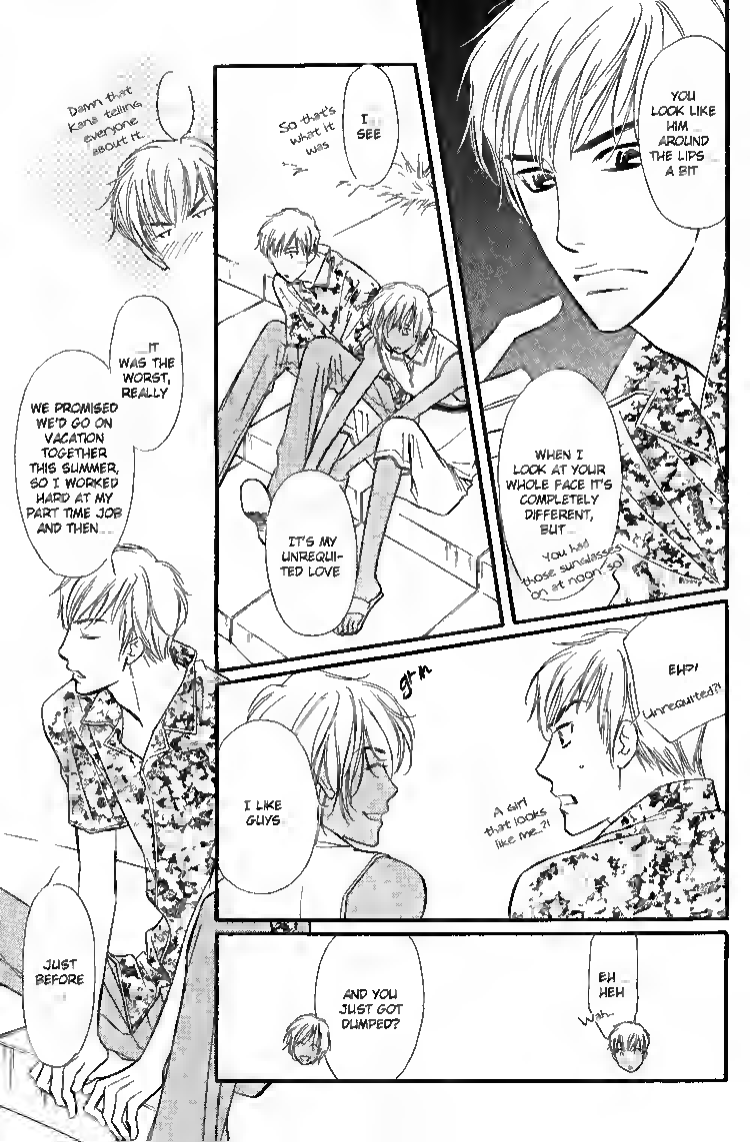
KANA
ONII-CHAN!?
WHERE IS THAT "UNBELIEVABLY COOL" GUY?
STOP IT!
WHAT? DID YOU COME TO STAND IN THE WAY OF MY LOVE?
KANA-CHAN, DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
Is he another one?
Kyaan I'm fine
SO THAT'S HIM?
HE'S PRETTY WELL TANNED
Besides he's cute rather than cool

AH,
I
I'M
SORRY.
TURN
WHAT
THE
...?
HEY,
ONII-CHAN
WHAT DID
YOU DO?

WHAT KIND OF REACTION WAS THAT?
HE LOOKED LIKE HE SAW A GHOST
Hustle
splash

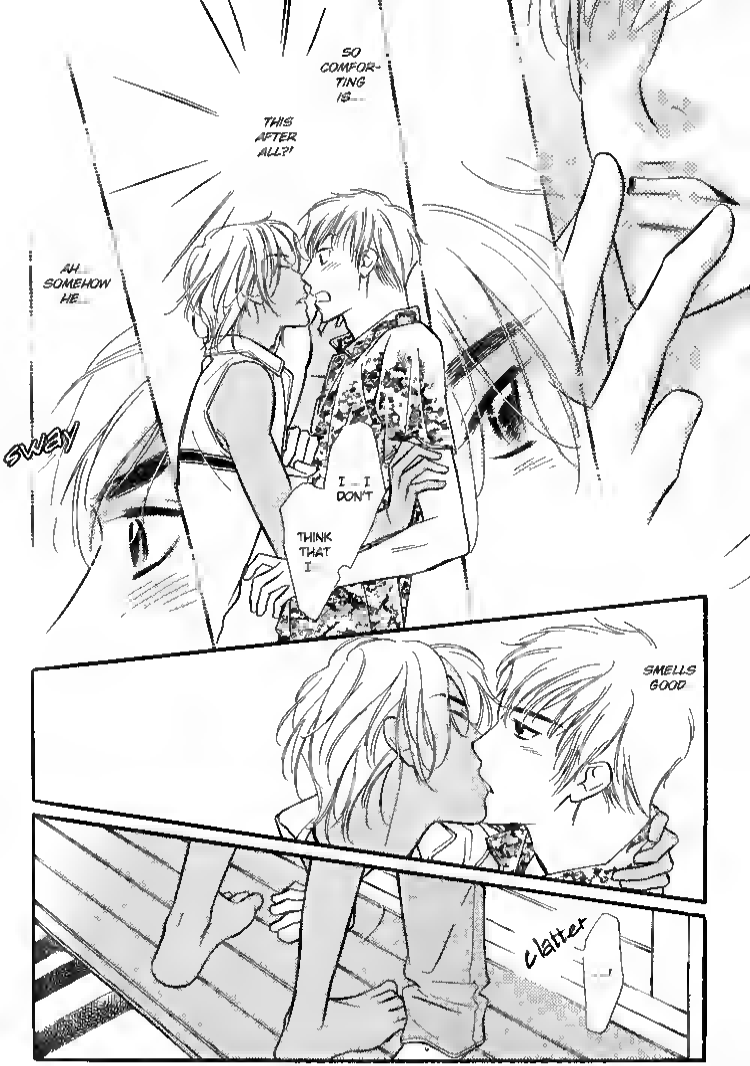
Splash
IT'S FORBIDDEN TO DRINK ALCOHOL IF YOU'RE UNDER AGE
THE GUY FROM TODAY.
I'M NOT UNDER AGE
EH? HOW OLD ARE YOU?
21.
21! REALLY?
WANT TO SEE MY STUDENT I.D.?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE AROUND MY AGE...
Four years older?

HAVE WE MET BEFORE?
EX-CUSE ME
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO RE/CTED STRANGELY!!
!?
NO!
ARE YOU TRYING TO SEDUCE ME?
HUH...
WHEN YOU SAW ME YOU ACTED AS IF YOU'D SEEN A GHOST!
I THOUGHT THE PERSON I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR ALL THIS TIME HAD RETURNED
WELL, THAT COMES CLOSE, I GUESS


Damn that Kana telling everyone about it.
So that's what it was
I SEE
YOU LOOK LIKE HIM AROUND THE LIPS A BIT
WHEN I LOOK AT YOUR WHOLE FACE IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, BUT
You had those sunglasses on at noon so
IT'S MY UNREQUITED LOVE
...IT WAS THE WORST, REALLY
WE PROMISED WE'D GO ON VACATION TOGETHER THIS SUMMER, SO I WORKED HARD AT MY PART TIME JOB AND THEN...
EH?! Unrequited?!
A girl that looks like me..?!
I LIKE GUYS
JUST BEFORE
AND YOU JUST GOT DUMPED?
EH HEH
Wah...

I'VE DECIDED TO DATE SOMEONE ELSE!
KYE
HE'S UNBELIEVABLY COOL!
BESIDES, A GUY WITH A CAR IS SO MUCH BETTER! BYE BYE!
WHAT THE FUCK?! A CAR AT 17?!
DUMB-FUCK!!
AND ON TOP OF THAT SHE WENT ON THE VACATION WITH HIM THAT SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO GO ON WITH ME.
shake
shake
THAT'S REALLY PITIFUL...
YEAH, YEAH.
I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HAPPILY IN LOVE WITH MY GIRLFRIEND IN OKINAWA RIGHT NOW
What am I doing here.

SHALL I COMFORT YOU?
HUH?
WON'T YOU COME TO MY ROOM? IT'S CLOSE
THERE'S ALSO BEER.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "COMFORT?"
AH...?
UM.


SO COMFORTING IS...
THIS AFTER ALL?!
AH... SOMEHOW HE...
SWEY
I... I DON'T THINK THAT I
SMELLS GOOD
clatter

thud
pout
U... UM.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME...
I'M NANAMI,
AND YOU?
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T TREAT YOU LIKE A WOMAN
WAIT!
BUT I
HA... HARUHIKO
HARU, RIGHT?

splash
HAAH!
GU♥
GU♥
HOW WAS IT?
IT WAS YOUR FIRST, RIGHT?
With you!
IT... WAS GOOD
YUP, IT WAS.
Snicker

DID YOU DO IT BECAUSE I LOOK LIKE YOUR UNREQUITED LOVE ?
WELL THERE'S THAT TOO, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I USED YOU AS REPLACEMENT
I JUST FELT LIKE IT
AFTER ALL, IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS ALREADY... SINCE TAIYOU DISAPPEARED, SO I DON'T THINK ABOUT REPLACING HIM ANYMORE.
FOUR YEARS?!
YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THAT GUY... FOR FOUR YEARS ALREADY?!
YUP.
FOUR YEARS AGO, DURING THE SUMMER, HE WENT OUT TO THE SEA DURING A STORM AND DIDN'T RETURN.
BUT... DOESN'T
THAT MEANS HE'S DEAD...?

STILL WAITING FOR HIM MEANS...
splash
HE'S PRETTY MUCH WAITING FOR A GHOST

HE SAID HE'S BEEN WAITING FOR HIM ALL THIS TIME...
SORRY FOR THE WAIT
THAT MEANS HE'S WAITING EVEN THOUGH HE KNOWS HE WON'T COME BACK? I WONDER WHAT THAT FEELS LIKE?
ON TOP OF THAT HE LIVED RIGHT BESIDE THE SEA THAT TOOK HIM, LOOKING OUT ON IT EVERY DAY
DOES HE LOVE HIM THAT MUCH—?
BUT—
ONII-CHAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
DON'T TELL ME YOU PLAN TO DO SOMETHING TO NANAMI-SAN—
SHUT UP!
AND WHAT'S WITH YOU? TELLING ME THAT I STAND IN THE WAY OF YOUR LOVE WHAT'S WITH THEM?!
Them
Kana-chaaan!

I HEARD THAT THERE'S SOMEONE NANAMI-SAN LIKES!
He also works during the day
SO THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO KEEP WATCH OVER HIM, OKAY?
AH NANAMI-KUN.
BREAK TIME?
AH, HELLO GIRLS!
WON'T YOU COME OUT WITH US?
WHEN DO YOU FINISH TODAY?
EEH!
OOOH, HEY.
Well how about you?
PLEASE LET HIM REST DURING HIS BREAK THANKS FOR UNDERSTANDING
AND SORRY

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I HATE THEM EITHER
BUT... YOU HAVE NO INTEREST IN WOMEN, RIGHT?
Oh my
ARE YOU MY MANAGER NOW?
...
AHEM
IT'S JUST A "WHAT IF" BUT...
YES?
WHAT IF I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU?
YOU ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE, SO...
THERE'S PROBABLY NO CHANCE, RIGHT...?

YOU FELL FOR ME?
I'M JUST ASKING WHAT IF!?
WHAT IF...
YOU AND I WOULD BECOME LOVERS
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WHEN YOU RETURN HOME AFTER THE HOLIDAYS?
A LONG DISTANCE RELATION-SHIP?
AH...
IT'S ENOUGH FOR ME IF YOU COMFORT ME
WE DON'T HAVE TO BE LOVERS TO HAVE SEX
THAT'S NOT IT...
ONCE YOU RETURN, YOU'LL FORGET ABOUT ME

THAT'S WHAT A SUMMER FLING IS AFTER ALL.
ISN'T IT FINE LIKE THAT?
I'M ALSO ALONE TONIGHT...
...!!

AM I... BEING PLAYED WITH?
I'M FINE WITH THAT.

I'M GOING TO ASK YOU SOMETHING STRANGE
DID SOMEONE DIE HERE FOUR YEARS AGO IN THE SUMMER?
HUH?!
HARUHIKO, THE BATH IS FREE.
TOORU-CHAN...
IN THE FIRST PLACE...
HE'S THE STRANGE ONE FOR "WAITING" FOR SOMEONE WHO DIED
I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT THOUGH, IF YOUR BELOVED DIES AND YOU CAN'T FORGET THEM, BUT..
AH?
FOUR YEARS AGO?
WHAT IF IT'S ALL A LIE?
THAT'S WHEN I WAS 17
TAIYOU DISAPPEARED WHEN I WAS 17
TAIYOU! THAT WAS THE NAME!
WHAT KIND OF PERSON WAS HE?

WHAT? IF TOORU-CHAN IS 21 NOW, THEN....
TOORU-CHAN, DO YOU KNOW THE GUY WHO WORKS AT THE OPEN-AIR CAFE?
HIS NAME IS NANAMI.
YES, WE WERE IN THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL
THEN... MAYBE I MET HIM BEFORE TOO...?
NO, I DON'T THINK SO

TAIYOU-SAN? HE WAS A LIFEGUARD ON THIS BEACH
WE OFTEN PLAYED TOGETHER WHEN I WAS A KID
He taught me to swim
THAT SUMMER...
I'M SURE YOU ALSO MET HIM. YOU WERE STILL SMALL SO YOU MIGHT NOT REMEMBER.

...EVEN THOUGH THE SEA WAS ROUGH, A BOAT DIDN'T COME BACK.
TAIYOU-SAN WENT WITH THE RESCUE TEAM.
BUT TAIYOU-SAN WAS ALSO TAKEN BY THE SEA.
SO IT WAS TRUE...

EH?!
I THINK IT WAS THE SECOND TERM OF THE SECOND YEAR
HM...? IT WAS A PRETTY STRANGE TIME FOR A TRANSFER
NANAMI TRANSFERRED HERE DURING HIGH SCHOOL
THAT MEANS AFTER TAIYOU-SAN DIED?!
HM?
YES, THAT SOUNDS RIGHT
AH YES.
It was in autumn that same year
WHAT THE..?
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?!
splash
BUT...

I CAME HERE IN THE SUMMER WITH MY FAMILY
THAT'S WHEN I MET TAIYOU
AND FELL FOR HIM RIGHT AWAY
BUT I COULDN'T STAND IT SO I TRANS-FERRED HERE IN AUTUMN
BUT
THAT AUTUMN HE WAS ALREADY
AT THAT TIME
I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT YET.
THERE WAS NO BODY EITHER.
SO I'M LIVING HERE AND WAITING FOR HIM TO RETURN

THAT MEANS...
YOU'RE STILL WAITING FOR HIM...?
NO WAY.
NO MATTER HOW MANY WHAT IF'S THERE ARE,
THERE'S NO WAY... I'D STILL THINK THAT HE'D COME BACK SOMEDAY.
BUT YOU KNOW.
crunch
HERE
WHEN I LISTEN TO THE THROBBING OF THE WAVES IT SOUNDS LIKE A HEART BEA...
WHEN I WATCH THE WAVES COMING CLOSE...

IT SEEMS AS IF THE SEA CAN RETURN WHAT WAS LOST.
LIAR!
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT A SUMMER FLING IS OVER AS SOON AS YOU RETURN?
IT WAS MY FAULT HE DIED
BE-CAUSE,
WHY DID YOU COME BACK?

IT WAS MY LAST FAMILY TRIP
MY MOTHER PLANNED TO DIVORCE MY DAD.
BUT HE WANTED A LAST CHANCE, SO WE MADE THIS TRIP.
WE ALL KNEW THAT IT WOULDN'T WORK OUT. BUT...
WHEN FATHER ASKED MOM OUT ON A BOAT RIDE,
I HAD A BAD FEELING.
MY DAD REALLY LOVED MY MOTHER, SO WHAT IF HE PLANNED TO DIE...?
SUDDENLY A STORM ROSE, SO A SEARCH AND RESCUE WAS STARTED.
I DIDN'T WANT EVERYONE TO BE TROUBLED,
SO I TOLD TAIYOU...
NOT TO BOTHER SINCE THEY PROBABLY PLANNED TO DIE ANYWAY.

slap
IDIOT!!
YOU'RE TELLING ME NOT TO LOOK FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY PLANNED TO DIE?!
YOU'RE FINE IF THEY RETURN DEAD?
ARE YOU HAPPY ABOUT THAT?
WON'T YOU CRY?!

SO I'LL GO
YOU WOULD, WOULDN'T YOU...?
MOM, DAD...
AND TAIYOU, NONE OF THEM CAME BACK.
I--
splash
COULDN'T STOP THEM.

THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN WITH YOU
YOU'RE NOT WAITING FOR SOMEONE LOST TO RETURN.
NANAMI...
YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE EVERYONE YOU CARE FOR IS HERE

YOU CAN HEAR THE HEARTBEAT OF THOSE YOU LOST IN THE WAVES.
SO YOU'RE FROM TOKYO, HARU?
YES
I ALSO LIVED IN TOKYO BEFORE I CAME HERE.
IT'S PROBABLY CHANGED A LOT, HM?

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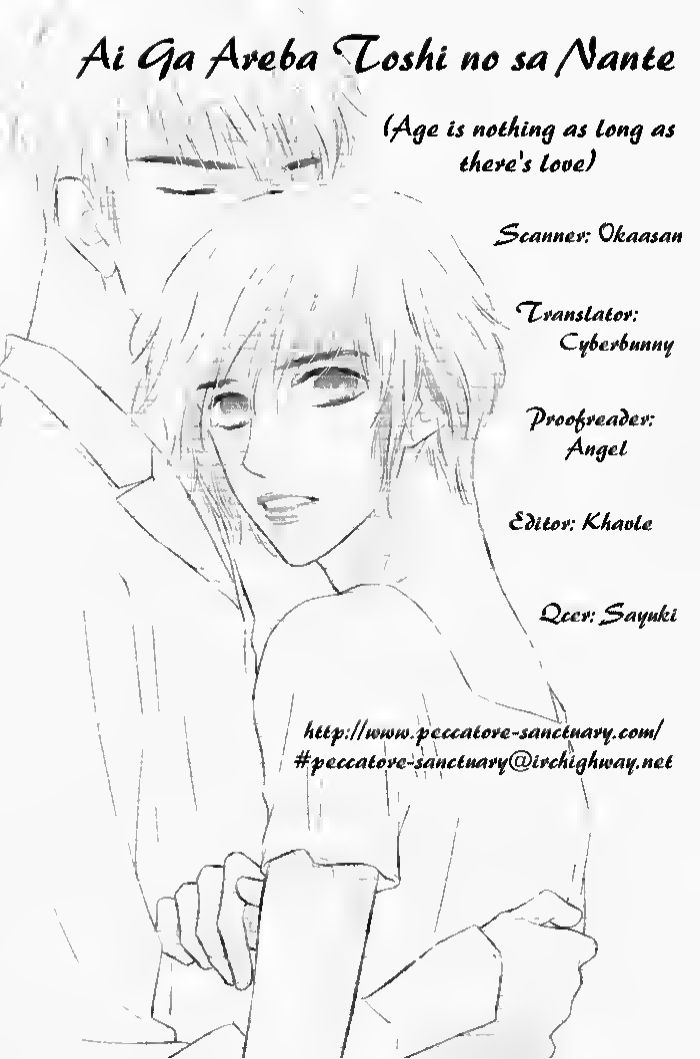

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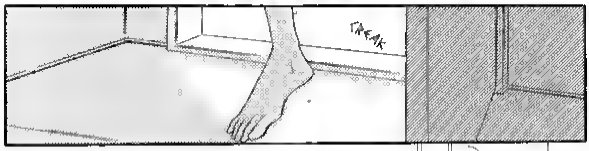
CHIRP
CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP
Today is our school's annual recreation day
this year is hiking for the 3rd years
May, spring green
perfect day for hiking
Each class hikes up using different trail, eats lunch at the top of the mountain
and then hikes down while orienteering
Hahaha
DON'T WALK TOO FAR APART!
However..

GUST

I'm in a bad mood
YOU THERE, PAY ATTENTION!
DON'T WANDER OFF!!
FOLLOW THE TRAIL PROPERLY
KUBO!
I MEANT YOU
WEARING CONTACT LENSES TODAY
because of this guy
HMPH
KUBO-KUN~~ WHAT'S WRONG??
YOU'RE ACTING WEIRD TOMO
I KNOW~, HE'S USUALLY SCARY LOOKING WITH THE LAB COAT
WE'RE LUCKY OUR TEACHER'S OFF SICK
HE'S SO COOL~
I NEVER KNEW USUBA SENSEI WORE ROUGH OUTFITS LIKE THAT

our homeroom teacher took a sick leave so he came as a replacement
but it didn't have to be in the middle of our fight-----
Usuba Keiji
my "cold lover" 12 years older than me
---- that's right, we're in the middle of a fight...
. . but to be honest, it's just one-sided... on my part..
pant
pant
SHUDDER...

Gone off to shower all alone again...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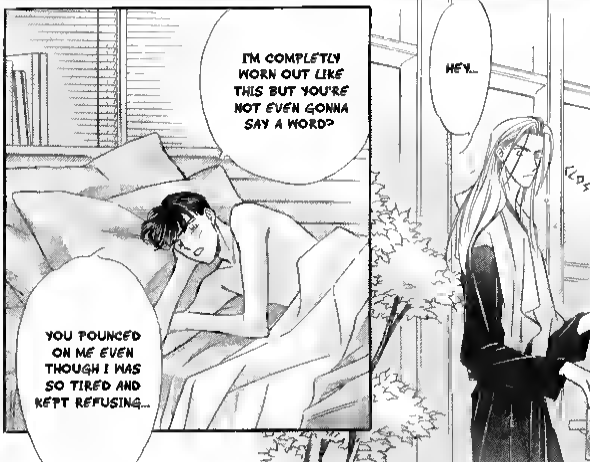

I'M COMPLETLY WORN OUT LIKE THIS BUT YOU'RE NOT EVEN GONNA SAY A WORD?
YOU POUNCED ON ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS SO TIRED AND KEPT REFUSING...
HEY...
CLOSE...

TH.. THAT'S NOT THE POINT I MEANT LIKE BEING CONSIDERATE..
Always envisioned that situation o' a
ISN'T IT USUALLY THE OLDER LOVER WHO'S SUPPOSED TO CUDDLE AND PAMPER THE YOUNGER ONE?
BUT YOU ENJOYED IT TOO, RIGHT
REIJI.. WHY AREN'T YOU KIND TO ME AT ALL
I.. DON'T MIND EVEN IF IT'S LIES, I WANT YOU TO BE MORE AFFECTIONATE..
DIDN'T WE PROMISE NO LYING
!?

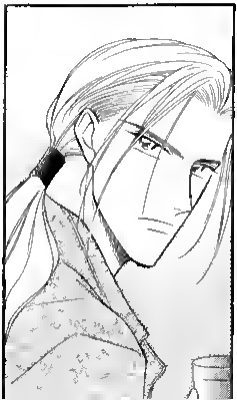
2 weeks since then ..
I havent talked, or even set an eye on Reiji
Is it so weird to want to be treated affectionately by the one you love
if ths one you love asks for something, wouldnt you usually want to do whatever possible to fulfill it?
POOR
LOSER!
Bff

WE'RE TAKING OFF AGAIN AT 1:30, SO PLEASE BE SURE TO COME BACK HERE BY THEN
TRY NOT TO ACT ON YOUR OWN
Okay~~
Peep
Why is Reiji so cold like that
GOOD WORK~~~
WE'LL HAVE LUNCH HERE
BREAK~~~~
Stand up
I'm starving
THOUGHT YOU HAD SO MUCH STUFF, BUT IT'S ALL JUST FOOD?
YAY ~~~ LUNCH TIME
SENSEI~~~ WE MADE LOTS, WON'T YOU EAT WITH US?

This time
this time, I'm definitely not gonna be the one to apologize!
CLANK

Ryo doesn't try to understand my feelings at all
SLURP

Hahaha



TOMO--- WHERE'RE YOU GOING?
BATH-ROOM

SIGH----
If we weren't fighting and were here, just the two of us
I bet a day like this would be filled with so much happiness
I wonder how long this is going to last...
Chirp
Chirp
Chirp
SIGH
If I
keep ignoring Reiji like this
and if Reiji doesn't apologize
then we're

Over.....?
NO WAY
!?
waaah
Slick

TUMBLE
OW!
TOMO!?
!?
RUSTLE
TOMO...
Keiji...!

RUSTLE
ARE YOU HURT?
I JUST SCRAPED MYSELF...
...I THINK...
PHEW...
SLAP
YOU IDIOT
I TOLD YOU NOT TO ACT ON YOUR OWN!
squeeze

Reiji...
REIJI... YOU WERE LOOKING OUT FOR ME...?
I'M ALWAYS WATCHING YOU
SORRY... REIJI, I
Squeeze...
THE OTHER DAY TOO... I'M SORRY

FORGIVE ME...
Chuckle

NOPE
HUH?
POUNCE
YOU NEED SOME PUNISHING
HEY...
STOP, WHERE DO YOU THINK THIS IS...
BE QUIET
IF SOMEONE COMES
IF YOU QUIETTEN DOWN, NO ONE WOULD COME

PS
UH-
NH
PANT...
COME ON I REALLY DON'T WANT TO
IT'S OUT-SIDE...
I'VE BEEN PUT ON HOLD FOR OVER 2 WEEKS NOW
THAT'S
AH
!

STUPID REIJI
AH
WINCE
HA
I find another self inside me that I never knew
When I'm with you
feeling so strong that I worry if I can behave like a mature adult would
when your heart eventually moves away from mine

Whether you'll find out that I think of you that much---
or if the day I tell you that will come
I don't know for now
AH
HH
HH
Thrust
because for you and for me
Thrust

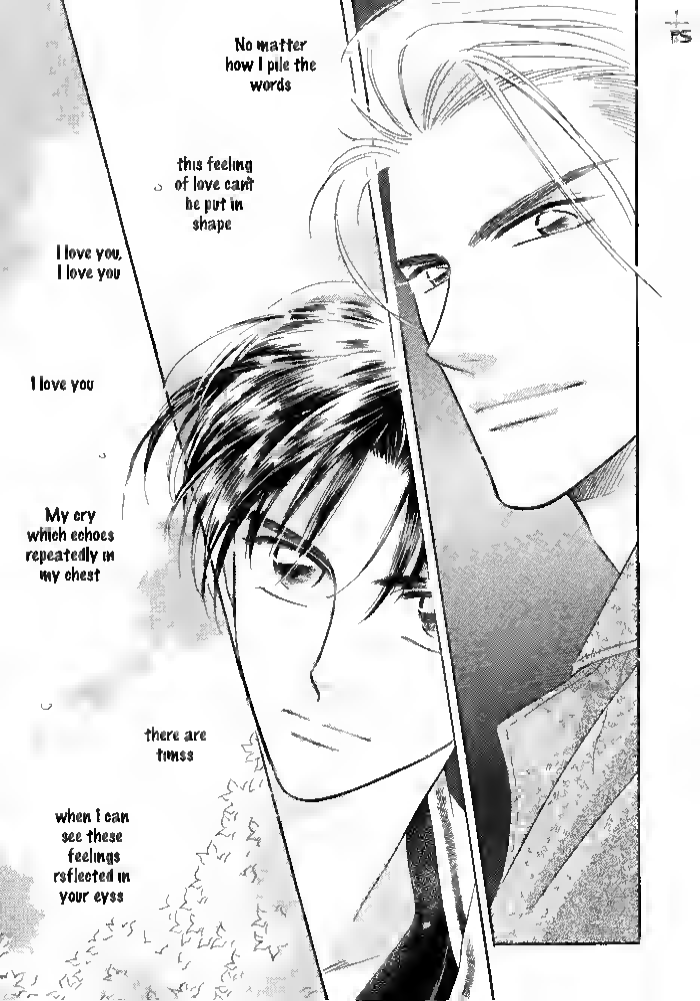
You are
still too young---
I LOVE YOU!
UH
WHA..?
Wh..at?
Ha
one more time..
thrust
AH
UH

---IT'S ALMOST MEETING TIME, PUT YOUR CLOTHES BACK ON
---- I'D SAY YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE TO DO THAT FOR ME
SO TIRED...
Even if Keiji continues to be cold
Even if he doesn't need me anymore, I love Keiji so it can't be helped....

This, is my love
TOMO, HURRY...
HEY...
AM I DIFFICULT TO HANDLE? I DON'T LISTEN TO WHAT REIJI SAYS AND I GET ANGRY ALL THE TIME...
IF I'M LIKE THIS FOR LONG
WILL YOU GET SICK OF ME?
WHAT'S THIS NON-SENSE...
BUT THAT'S WHO YOU ARE

I'M GOING ON AHEAD
PEEP---
So it's fine to stay like this---
WOULD THE TEAM CAPTAIN PLEASE COME AND COLLECT THE MAP AND COMPASS
THE NEXT MEET UP TIME IS 3:30 DOWN AT THE PARKING LOT
THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR THE CLASS THAT COME FIRST---
WHAT IS IT----?
SECRET
NO FUN
GOOD LUCK TO EACH GROUP
CHATTER
CHATTER

TOMO ---
HURRY---
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
YEAH
HURRY UP, YOU'RE SLOWING DOWN THE TEAM
SLAP
!
AND WHOSE FAULT IS IT?
YOU FREAKIN' SADIST!
HA HA HA
FULL OF ENERGY---


No matter how I pile the words
this feeling of love can't be put in shape
I love you, I love you
I love you
My cry which echoes repeatedly in my chest
there are times
when I can see these feelings reflected in your eyes

The moment we find that shape in each other's eyes ---

I love you

I love you

I believe in you